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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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the opportunity to have their rural development loans restructured.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BUTTERFIELD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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of such counties the opportunity to have their rural de-
velopment loans restructured.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSISTENT POVERTY**
4 **COUNTIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN**
5 **THOSE COUNTIES TO HAVE THEIR RURAL DE-**
6 **VELOPMENT LOANS RESTRUCTURED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—On request of a persistent poverty
8 county or a political subdivision of such a county that has

1 an outstanding loan described in subsection (c), the entity
2 that made the loan shall restructure the loan so that the
3 interest rate on the loan is 0 percent and the loan term
4 is 40 years.

5 (b) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTY DEFINED.—In
6 subsection (a), the term “persistent poverty county”
7 means a county that has had 20 percent or more of its
8 population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as
9 measured by the 1990, 2000, and 2010 decennial cen-
10 suses.

11 (c) LOAN DESCRIBED.—A loan is described in this
12 subsection if the loan is any of the following:

13 (1) WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN.—A
14 loan made under section 306(a)(1) of the Consoli-
15 dated Farm and Rural Development Act for a water
16 and waste disposal purpose.

17 (2) ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITY LOAN.—
18 A loan made under section 306(a)(1) of the Consoli-
19 dated Farm and Rural Development Act for an es-
20 sential community facility.

21 (3) TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE
22 LOAN.—A loan made under title III of the Rural
23 Electrification Act of 1936.

1 (4) RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN.—A loan
2 made under section 601 of the Rural Electrification
3 Act of 1936.

4 (5) DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE
5 LOAN.—A loan made under section 2333 of the
6 Food Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of
7 1990.

8 (6) BROADBAND LOAN AND GRANT PILOT PRO-
9 GRAM LOAN.—A loan made under the program pro-
10 vided for in section 779 of Agriculture, Rural Devel-
11 opment, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-
12 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018.

13 (7) RURAL ELECTRIFICATION LOAN.—A loan
14 made under any provision of the Rural Electrifica-
15 tion Act of 1936 for a rural electrification purpose.

16 (8) MULTIFAMILY RURAL RENTAL HOUSING
17 LOAN.—A loan made under section 515 of the Hous-
18 ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485).